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Shanghai Chinese Press Workers' Union

not by the dismissed workers.

The meeting convened by the above Union for this afternoon to discuss the dismissal from the "China Times" and elimination from union membership of six printers did not take place owing to lack of attendance. From attached translation of a handbill issued by the Union, it will be seen that Tu Niang-tsz, for the past eighteen months all powerful in the type-setting room of the "China Times" and a thorn in the side of the management, has at last incurred the enmity of the Union. This man has always been prominent in agitation among the "China Times" printers, but so far has been sufficiently cunning not to commit himself in the eyes of the law. The action of the Union in ousting Tu and his five followers is a step in the right direction, although we shall require to keep in close contact with the "China Times" in regard to his movements and possible threats by him and his following. It will also be advisable to give the Editorial Office (Shantung Road) and the Type-setting Room (40.A. Kiangse Road) special police attention for the next few days.

I have not been able to get in touch with Mr. Pan, Editor of the China Times" today but will endeavour to interview him tomorrow with a view to impressing on him the necessity for holding out against any demands that Tu be reinstated.

Thos Robertson
C. D. I.

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~~A. C. (S.B.)~~

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Reply 24/4
Reinformed. Copy sent to S.O. "A". MLG
23:4:30.

Translation of a handbill emanating from the Executive Committee of Shanghai Chinese Press Workers' Union, dated April 21:

A letter to all Press Workers giving reasons why the following six members have been struck off the membership list of the Union and ordered to cease work:-

Li Ho Sung (李荷生)	Tu Niang-tsz (杜娘子)
Chang Foh Shing (張福生)	Chu Kyih-an (朱吉安)
Tu Ching-keng (杜清根)	Chu Kwei-sung (朱桂生)

We regret having been compelled to strike off from our membership list the above six persons and to order them to stop working. Our object is to lead the workers and protect their interest, yet despite this fact we had to withdraw our protection from them and to expel them from our ranks. Of course we are not to blame for their action, still we are much concerned at a lack of trust and confidence of the Union which prevails among our fellow members. The aims of our union have already been explained in our previous letter and need no repetition here. The six above-mentioned workers, however, have ignored our aims and have frequently strayed to forbidden paths to attain their selfish aims. For this reason we cannot remain indifferent and accordingly have decided to eliminate them before they have succeeded in corrupting our union. A Strong man will amputate his limb when it is bitten by a poisonous snake." What a sad thing it is.

Furthermore in the interests of you, our members, we hope that you will give us the support we need. You will correct our mistakes and help us in every way. To save ourselves from annihilation we have to punish those who are bent on mischief.

Chopped: The Executive Committee of the Shanghai Press Workers' Union.

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The workers in the China Times have a union which is registered with the Social Bureau in Chinese controlled territory. Acting on the recommendation of this Union, the management of the newspaper dismissed 5 or 6 workers on April 22. The dismissed workers are all alleged to be important agitators and to haveamong their supporters the radical elements of various Chinese newspapers. They are now planning to cause inconvenience to the owners of the paper, and in furtherance of this object will hold a meeting in the China Times printing office, No. 40a Kiangse Road, between 2 and 5 p.m. April 23.

what kind of agitators?

(X)

The above information has been obtained from Mr. Waung Ying Ping of the Shun Pao who is a shareholder of the China Times.

JR

J. P. Givens

A. C.

Deputy Commissioner
(Cr. & Sp. Branches).

AC (S.B.)

What is the use of reporting to us if they allow them to do this (X)? Do they want us to clear them out + are they prepared to prosecute if there is trouble?

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